

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action of April 9, 2009, which was made final and in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-5, 7-11, 13-14, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and objected to claims 6 and 15, but indicated they would be allowable but for their dependence on a rejected base claim.

The brief telephone conversation with the Examiner on October 1, 2009 is appreciated. During the conversation, the undersigned outlined the amendments made by this paper, which reflect the Examiner's indication that claims 6 and 15 contain allowable subject matter

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 6 (which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter). Claims 2-5, 7-11, 13-14 and 16 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 1, and are allowable for the same reason.

New independent claim 19 incorporates the recitations of previously presented claim 1 and claim 15 (which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter). New claims 20-31 depend directly or indirectly from new claim 19, and are allowable for the same reason.

New independent claim 32 incorporates the recitations of previously presented claims 1, 6 and 15. New claims 33-44 depend directly or indirectly from new claim 32, and are allowable for the same reasons.

This paper is being submitted on or before October 9, 2009, and an extension of the time to respond until that date is requested. The required fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1420. No additional fees should be due in connection with this paper, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment and notify us of same, to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

The application now stands in allowable form, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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